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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Consultancy for the Integrating Climate Change Risks into Resilient Island Planning in the Maldives (ICRRIP)

The Ministry of Housing and Environment in collaboration with UNDP is implementing the first climate adaptation project, *Integrating Climate Change Risks into Resilient Island Planning in the Maldives (ICRRIP)* funded by the Least Development Country Fund, UNDP, and co-financed by the Government of Maldives. The overall goal of the project is to increase the resilience of the Maldives in the face of climate change and improve the country's capacity to respond effectively to climate related hazards.

Currently there are no written guidelines on how to build climate change resilience into erosion control, land reclamation or harbour development. The consultant will work closely with the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and other relevant agencies to address gaps in technical knowledge and know-how on how best to plan and develop harbours, conduct land reclamation, other major developments and manage coastal erosion in a changing climate without increasing vulnerability. Current coastal zone management practices will be reviewed to assess their implications for strengthening or reducing climate resilience. Comprehensive technical guidelines on climate change resilient coastal protection, with separate chapters on climate change resilient harbour development, land reclamation and coastal erosion control will be produced and finalized through stakeholder consultations with relevant national, atoll and island authorities and sector specialists.

The objective of this consultancy is to formulate a guidelines document for climate risk resilient coastal protection planning in the Maldives. These guidelines should be formulated through participatory approach and recommend amendments to the Land Use Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations and Environment Protection and Preservation Act (EPPA) of Maldives, National Building Code and Maldives National Building Act and Maldives Land Act as necessary to better address climate change adaptation and provide pragmatic evidence based advocacy for high level political endorsement for the coastal protection guidelines document.

The Ministry of Housing and Environment is seeking a consulting team with international and local knowledge and experience to formulate guidelines for climate risk resilient coastal protection in the Maldives and now invites interested eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and general qualifications and number of key staff, and so forth). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures *set out in the Ministry of Finance and Treasury's, Public Finance Regulation, Chapter 15 – Public Procurement, September 2010.*

Interested consultants may obtain further information on request by writing to the address below.

The expressions of interests are expected to be submitted to the address below by (regular mail, emails or fax), no later than **May 24, 2011, 1400hrs(Local time).**

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